



# PCC BULLETIN

TERM 1, WEEK 7  
Friday 15 Mar 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Our College Council Nominations have concluded and we did not need to go to a vote. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce parent members of the 2024 School Council:

- Lisa Llyod
- Brendan Vanderwerf
- Kara Rogers
- Kellie Johns
- Sandeep Parande

I wanted to extend my gratitude to the retiring members, Monia Choudhary and Jennifer Sherri, for their invaluable contributions to our school community.

In our last Bulletin I shared information regarding mobile phones in schools. The message from the Education Department has been clear that no mobile phones should be switched on in class.

We are super proud of our students who are making great choices when it comes to storing their mobile phones. Most students are doing the right thing and storing their phone in their locker during the day, or leaving it at home.

We'd like to thank families for their support in reiterating the importance of this policy, which applies across all Victorian schools.

A reminder, if a student's mobile phone or device is confiscated, that a phone call home will be made. The device will remain at the main office until a parent/guardian is able to come into the school to collect it.

Parent teacher interviews have now been made accessible for parents to book a time on COMPASS. Please make sure you have scheduled a time to discuss your child with their teachers. Parent Teacher Interviews are an important way of building our home/school partnership.

Please remember students will be dismissed at 12pm on Thursday 21st March to accommodate these Parent Teacher interviews.

NAPLAN started this week and the students have done an amazing job taking on completing this assessment with confidence. NAPLAN is one assessment on one day and does not measure all the amazing qualities our students have. If your child is away, we will do our best to do a catch ups.

NAPLAN results will be made available to families and the college in Term 3.



Our end of term assembly will be held on Thursday 28th March. All families are invited to attend. We will be drawing our Easter Raffle followed by the P-4 Easter Hat Parade.

**Tracy Peters**  
College Principal

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The PCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2024. We invite parents and carers to attend and participate in the AGM.

If you are interested in attending, more information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.pcc.vic.edu.au/articles/130>

Please do not hesitate to contact the office via phone: 03 8348 7100 or email: [point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:point.cook.p9.co@education.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2/2024

Issue 2, the last one for the term has gone to teacher pigeon holes today. The closing date for orders is Sunday 17/03. Please remember it takes roughly a week for orders to arrive back at school.

If you miss the cut-off date but still wish to order you may do so but it will incur a freight fee because it is sent directly to your home.



## VAPING

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from the Royal Children's Hospital shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education has developed resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping. The resources include advice about how to talk to children and young people about vaping, and where to get support. To access the resources, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/smoking-and-vaping-advice-parents>

You can also view this video on smoking and vaping from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne for health advice and tips for starting a conversation with young people.

## EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter raffle has some AMAZING prizes thanks to our wonderful community and all of the generous donations we have received. The raffle will be drawn at our final Term 1 College Assembly on Thursday 28th March on the double basketball courts, followed by our Easter Hat Parade!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the college on 03 8348 7100.



## CONSENT & PAYMENT DUE DATES

19 March	Year 7 Tennis
20 March	Year 9 First Aid Course
22 March	Year 7 Volleyball
22 April	Year 5/6 Basketball
24 April	Primary 3x3 Cup Qualifying Day Intermediate Futsal
29 May	Year 4-6 Athletics Day Year 7-9 Athletics Day

## PHOTO PERMISSIONS

If you would like to have photos of your children published on College social media website, newsletters and any prints, there needs to be photo permission for each student.

Documentation has been sent via Compass with digital forms that need to be completed. Families will have until the end of Term 1 to complete this.

If you are unable to find the documents, please contact the college on 8348 7100.



# MULTICULTURAL WEEK

Students at Point Cook College will be celebrating Multicultural Week beginning Monday 18th - Friday the 22nd of March, the theme this year being OUR SHARED STORIES. Your child will be participating in a range of fun activities and an incursion during the week.



**Multicultural Week Beginning  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2024**



Dear Parents/Carers,  
Students at Point Cook College will be celebrating Multicultural Week beginning **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March**, the theme this year being OUR SHARED STORIES. Your child will be participating in a range of fun activities and an incursion during the week.

**\*\*\* In addition, we have a special day planned for the whole college community on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March where students get to dress up in their cultural outfit.**

Harmony Week is about celebrating multiculturalism, inclusiveness, and diversity. It is a time to respect that everyone is different, but we must all live together in harmony, because **EVERYONE BELONGS!** Our school has many different languages spoken, so we are very lucky and looking forward to this celebration as a community.

**\*\*\*CELEBRATIONS HAPPENING AT OUR COLLEGE DURING MULTICULTURAL WEEK\*\*\***

**YEARS 5-9**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**AFRICAN DRUMMING INCURSION**

YEAR LEVEL:	PERFORMANCE TIME:
5/6 (A-F)	8:40 - 9:30
5/6 (G-L)	9:30 - 10:20
Recess	10:20 - 10:40
7	10:40 - 11:30
8	11:30 - 12:20
Lunch	12:20 - 1:20
9	1:20 - 2:10 (Last Performance)

\*\*\* Students that haven't paid will not attend. Students not attending will remain back and be supervised.

**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



**\*\*\* MULTICULTURAL DRESS UP DAY \*\*\*  
\*\*\* FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> of MARCH \*\*\***

As part of this week of celebrations, we will have **MULTICULTURAL DAY** on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. Students are encouraged to **wear clothing to represent their cultural background OR orange coloured clothing** (the colour of harmony) on this day. Please remember to be sun smart and wear appropriate footwear (no open-toed shoes).

**\*\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED IN THEIR CULTURAL OUTFITS OR WEARING SOMETHING ORANGE ON THIS DAY. IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DAY, THEY MUST BE IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE SENT HOME.**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH**

**P-4**

**CHINESE LION DANCE INCURSION**

YEAR LEVEL:	PERFORMANCE TIME:
PREPS	8:40 - 9:30
1/2 (A-F)	9:30 - 10:20
1/2 (G-L)	10:20 - 11:10
Recess	11:10 - 11:30
3/4 (A-E)	11:30 - 12:20
3/4 (F-K)	12:20 - 1:10 (Last Performance)
Lunch	1:10 - 2:10

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**Some examples for Multicultural Dress on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of MARCH**



Thank you for helping us celebrate our wonderful community and its diversity! ©

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## BOOKLIT POP QUIZ

Some quizmasters want you to play hard. Others against the beast or a governess but let's just play by ourselves for fun right NOW! We have 5 small questions to test your knowledge!

**Question 1:** Charlie's Factory produces what exactly?

**Question 2:** Bluey in the books of the same name had a sidekick. Who was it?

**Question 3:** Harry Potter was famous for being the boy who what?

**Question 4:** Complete the missing words in the opening lines a the famous Aaron Blabley book:

- Pig was a \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm sorry to \_\_\_\_\_
- He was greedy and \_\_\_\_\_ in most every \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:** Sam I am does NOT like green what and ham?

The answers to the BookLit Pop Quiz can be found underneath the community calender on the next page!

## MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

This year Ramadan began in the evening on Sunday, March 10, 2024, and end on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The Islamic Calendar follows a lunar cycle, and while these are the calculated expected dates of Ramadan, they can differ from place to place.



### What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

### Why is Ramadan so special?

Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through the angel Jibreel (Gabriel) in A.D. 610. The timing of revelation is given special significance and is known as Laylatul Qadr or the Night of Power.

### How to commemorate Ramadan:

To celebrate Ramadan, practice fasting during the day and breaking fast at night. You should also work on improving yourself during this time, and then at the end enjoy Eid al Fitr, where you celebrate with friends and family. Ramadan is expected to start on March 10th or 11th in 2024 and end on April 9th or 10th.

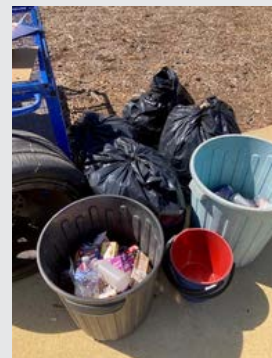
### Interesting facts about Ramadan:

- On the evening of the 27th day of Ramadan, Muslims observe a special night called Layatal-Qadr, sometimes referred to as the Night of Power. It is believed that Muhammad first received the Holy Qur'an on this night. At the end of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr celebrates the breaking of the fast.
- In Ramadan, the Muslim Holy Month of fasting, every good deed has a 70 times reward. This is a great time to get rewards and increase spirituality. Spend this month in prayers, Quran recitation, adhkar (remembrance of Allah), and charities.
- Avoid gossip/chat gatherings and useless TV shows.
- At the end of Ramadan there's a big three-day celebration called Eid al-Fitr, or the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast.

## WEEK 6 & 7 OF TERM 1!

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday March 1st, the students of Point Cook College participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Students collected rubbish from within the school grounds and surrounding area as a result the college ground now look amazing. Students also learnt about the importance of keeping the environment clean, the damage rubbish can do to animals and how it takes up to 450 years for plastic to decompose. Students responded to the lesson and took it upon themselves to collect rubbish during their break times. Well done to all the students who participated.



## U14 RUGBY COMPETITION

U14s Rugby competition on Friday arvo. Both teams won and played very well. They also showed great sportsmanship towards the other teams

# WOOLWORTHS EASTER DONATIONS

Our lovely friends from Woolworths have donated lots of easter goodies for our Easter Raffle! Our raffle prizes are going to be amazing with the addition of these delicious treats and activities. Thanks to Woolworths, we were also able to host a morning tea for select P-6 students who were chosen by their teachers for having done amazing things already this year! The students got to indulge in hot cross buns of all varieties! 🍩

Don't forget to return your purchased raffle tickets and money to the college office to make sure you are in to win one of our many easter raffle prizes. This will be drawn at the final Term 1 Assembly on Thursday 28 March.



## YEAR 7 PRODUCT DESIGN PROJECT

Year 7 students had to create a soup that used a minimum of 3 different vegetables, that demonstrated the preparation techniques of peeling, dicing and grating. They needed to present the soup with a side such as a roll or bread. Some of the students went to extreme lengths by making their own dumplings. There were some amazing creations!



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### DANIELLE ACKLAND Classroom Teacher



**Q1 What are your 2 favourite things about being a teacher?**

The funny things students say and do!  
Watching students improve.

**Q2 How did you get into teaching?**

My mum is a teacher and so she inspired me.

**Q3 Tell us about a time when you have been the happiest?**

Travelling in my caravan with my family.

**Q4 What 3 things would you take with you to a deserted island?**

A book, chocolate and a hammock.

**Q5 How are you finding your time here at Point Cook College?**

Fabulous! Everyone is so lovely!

**Q6 What's your favourite subject to teach and why?**

I love teaching creative writing, seeing the interesting ideas.

**Q7 If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?**

Switzerland - the scenery and the chocolate.

**Q8 Are you an emoji user? What is your most used emoji?**

Crying smile.

**Q9 What PCC House do you belong to?**

Yellow - McNamara.

### BookLit Pop Quiz Answers

1.Chocolate 2.Bingo 3.The Boy Who Lived 4.Pug, say, selfish & way 5.eggs



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## TERM 1

<b>WEEK 7</b>	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Mar-14	Mar-15
	Labour Day Public Holiday	3x Cup Secondary Qualifying Day	NAPLAN		
			Year 8 Cricket Year 8 Volleyball Year 8 Tennis Year 5/6 Basket	Aeroschools Training	
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22
	NAPLAN				
	Hobsons Bay Swim Carnival		African Drumming Incursion (5-9)	Parent Teacher Interviews Aeroschools Training Australian F1 Grand Prix	Chinese Lion Cultural Dance Incursion (P-4)
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Mar-25	Mar-26	Mar-27	Mar-28	Mar-29
	P-4 Assembly 8:50am-9:30am	Year 7 Tennis	Year 9 First Aid Course	Last Day of Term - 2:30pm Finish	Good Friday

## TERM 2

<b>WEEK 1</b>	Apr-15	Apr-16	Apr-17	Apr-18	Apr-19
	First Day Term 2	My Career Insights Profiling			
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24	Apr-25	Apr-26
			ANZAC Day Ceremony	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	PP Day (Student Free Day)
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Apr-29	Apr-30	May-1	May-2	May-3
	Year 7 Immunisations	3x3 Qualifying Day	Wicked the Musical		
<b>WEEK 4</b>	May-6	May-7	May-8	May-9	May-10
	P-4 Assembly 8:50am				
<b>WEEK 5</b>	May-13	May-14	May-15	May-16	May-17
	My Career Insights Interviews				
<b>WEEK 6</b>	May-20	May-21	May-22	May-23	May-24
<b>WEEK 7</b>	May-27	May-28	May-29	May-30	May-31



## This is to certify

Point Cook College

The purchase of your school's digital sign has enabled Digital School Signs, on behalf of the school, to purchase and plant native trees in a legally protected forest through Greenfleet to offset the carbon emissions for the lifetime of the digital sign, reducing the effects on our environment.

Greenfleet is a leading environmental not-for-profit organisation protecting the climate by restoring native forests in NSW, VIC & QLD.

This contribution is helping to address critical deforestation, absorb carbon emissions from the atmosphere, improve land and water quality, and restore habitat for native wildlife, including many endangered species.

Greenfleet forests are legally protected for up to 100 years.

**Thank you for helping us grow climate hope.**

*Darren Rogers*

Darren Rogers (Managing Director)

**Thank you**

